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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALEXANDRIA 0830

CAIRO FOR USDAO; TEL AVIV FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, EG

SUBJECT: UNUSUAL MILITARY ACTIVITY AT GIANACLIS AIRFIELD

1. CAIRO EMBOFFS TRAVELLING DESERT ROAD FROM CAIRO TO ALEXANDRIA
MIDMORNING 9 AUGUST 1977, OBSERVED MILITARY CONVOY OF ABOUT
40 JEEPS AND 20 TRUCKS PROCEEDING NORTH. TRUCKS SEEMED PRIMARILY
TO BE CARRYING SUPPLIES. ON ARRIVAL ALEXANDRIA OUTSKIRTS
APPROXIMATELY 1300 HOURS LOCAL, EMBOFFS OBSERVED CONVOY LINED UP
AT ROADSIDE, JUST BY TURN AT LAKE MARIOUT NEAR NOUZHA AIR BASE.

2. EN ROUTE THREE EMBOFFS STOPPED AT GIANACLIS IN CONNECTION WITH
PREPARATIONS FOR UPCOMING SECSTATE VISIT. AIRBASE WAS EXTREMELY
BUSY, WITH FOUR MIGS TAXING FROM REVETMENTS, OTHERS TAKING OFF
AND CIRCULING FIELD. AT AIRBASE, EMBOFFS WERE DENIED ENTRANCE
WHEN SEEKING TO ASCERTAIN ROAD TIMES BETWEEN HARD-STAND FOR
SECSTATE'S PLANE AND GATE ONTO PUBLIC ROAD. HOWEVER, DEPUTY
BASE COMMANDER, WHO CAME TO GATE, ASSURED EMBOFFS THAT
EVERYTHING WOULD BE READY FOR SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL THURSDAY
AND THAT BASE PERSONNEL WOULD HANDLE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE
OF SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT AS THEY HAVE ON RECENT VISIT.

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3. WHETHER THIS DEGREE OF ACTIVITY UNUSUAL HARD TO DETERMINE,
SINCE EMBASSY AND CONGEN OFFICERS SELDOM HAVE OPPORTUNITY VISIT
AREA. ON SUNDAY, 7 AUGUST, DURING TRIP TO NEARBY GIANACLIS
VILLAGE, HOWEVER, AMBASSADOR AND CONSUL GENERAL SAW TWO
AIRCRAFT CIRCLING FIELD, BUT NO SIGNS OF UNUSUAL ACTIVITY.

4. FOR CAIRO USDAO: PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU HAVE ANY INDICATION
REASONS FOR TODAY'S APPARENTLY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AT
GIANACLIS AIRBASE. CHASE

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